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Many American Towns, Once Popuious, Are Now Abandoned

DEAD CITIES.

Not in the old world alone is to be found the "silent Amyclae" over which Virgil's two words have kept scholars puzzling for nearly 2,000 years. In this United States, which we are wont to think so new, there are scores of "dead cities." Nor are they prehistoric. Many of them rose, flourished, declined and died within the memory of living men. And most of them the spade of the excavator will never dig up. They have vanished completely. In the Era are published some rambling notes of a score of these dead cities. Naturally most of them were mining towns, and when the mines, producing a crop that cannot be renewed, were exhausted they died. Some of them, such as Bannock and Virginia City, in Now there are fewer than 100 in Virginla City. Then there was Bodie, Cal., which less than fifteen years ago had 6,000 people, and whose mines had paid in five years \$22,000,000 in dividends. The mines failed the town was deserted, and a few years ago fire swept the site bare.

But the failure of mines does not

account for the death of all these dead towns. Springfield, Kan., was once large enough to build a \$20,000 school house, and to put in water works. At last accounts there were 200 houses and fewer than 100 people in the town, and the hydrants were hidden in the prairie grass. At Saratoga a \$30,000 theater finds none to tread its boards save the wandering tramp. At Fargo Springs the \$20,000 school house bell rings when the wind is strong, but no children come. These dead Kansas towns are the fading monuments of an error of observation as to the normal rainfall of the western part of the state. Ancient Troy was found to be buried in its own rubbish. That also was the fate of Yam Hill. In the latter '50s it was a prosperous gold camp. The placers there were exhausted, but new ones were found farther up the stream. The impatient gold seekers deserted the old town and built a new one. The earth and gravel from the new placers were washed down upon the old town and covered its buildings. Now only the gable of a large livery barn emerges from the soil to show where Yam Hill was. Perhaps when Macaulay's New Zealander comes to sketch the ruins of London bridge an antiquarian colleague may dig up Yam Hill and draw all sorts of conclusions as to the civilization of prehistoric

Nor are these dead towns to be found in the mining and semi-arid regions only. At the junction, of the Savannah and Broad rivers in Georgia ADMIRAL TERRY are now only fields of grain and grazing sheep. Yet there once stood Petersburg, a regularly laid out and prosperous town of the days before the railroads came. Now there is not a single house upon the site and the wheat has unmade dozens of other towns

some convulsion of nature, such as er number of these silent Amyclaes, as possible. conditions arose and trade routes White Plain mountain there was once tunate is the city that like Troy finds Department. a poet to sing her story, or that like The Pearl Harbor Naval station will her. As for the others, the unsung, Their lives were a watch or a vision, Between a sleep and a sleep.

Kalihi-Uka Scene of the Great Gathering.

Hundreds Attend Service Presided Over by Bishop.

Statue of Our Lady of the Mount Formally Installed Over Altar.

The Chapel of Our Lady of the Mount, the new Portuguese Catholic church in Kalihi-uka, was formally dedicated by Bishop Libert yesterday. The dedicatory service was followed by a luau and a fair, in which over one thousand people took part.

The chapel is a very pretty edifice and one of which the new congregation may well be proud. Early in the morning the members of the congregation and the Concordia band marched to the old church at Kalihi-uka from where was taken the statue of Our Lady, the procession reforming and wending its way to the new chapel. Here the figure of "Our Lady of the Mount" was placed in its niche above the altar. The statue is a copy of the one venerated for centuries in Madeira and is said to be a perfect fac-simile of the old one. It is only about twelve inches high and is fully clothed. The features are black. In one arm the Lady carries the infant Jesus and in her other is a sceptre. The garment is of white silk with gold brocade. The black hair is hanging loosely over the shoulders.

Upon the arrival of the congregation t the new chanel the formal dedication services were begun by Bishop Libert. At eleven o'clock high mass was celebrated by the Bishop, who was assisted by Father Francis and Father Clement. The religious services were ended at 12:30 o'clock, and then a luau was held in the church yard. The tables were spread under a tent, a special table being arranged for the Bishop and clergy. About two hundred people were seated at one time, and all the tables were filled several times. It is estimated that nearly a thousand people partook of the feast, many others bringing their lunch in baskets, and eating on the lawn.

During the progress of the luau, those who could not be accommodated at the tables found enjoyment at the fair. A flower booth and also one for light refreshments had been constructed for The Concordia band played during this

The church had been very prettily decorated for the occasion with greens and flowers, which were principally at the altar. On the exterior also, a score of flag poles had been erected from which floated the flags of all nations. A very large crowd was in attendance, many coming in private conveyances while busses were run from the end of the Rapid Transit line as well. So large was the congregation that not all could be accommodated within the

The site for the church was donated by Senator W. C. Achi. The building is of frame, about sixty feet long and forty feet wide, a belfry surmounting it. The seating capacity is about two hundred and the cost of construction was \$2,000, Father Clement is in charge of the church.

IS EXPECTED SOON

Admiral Terry, the new commandant grows where was the public square, or the Naval Station here, is expected The railroad unmade Petersburg, as it to arrive on the Alameda next Friday morning. No official advices to that When we speak of "dead cities" we effect have been received at the naval usually think of towns overwhelmed by station but as Admiral Terry was detached from duty July 1st it is thought comparatively few. The vastly great- he will report here as soon thereafter

It is probable that Admiral Terry away because their builders misjudged will be given the command of the industrial conditions, or because new Pearl Harbor Naval station when once changed. Men made them and men active operations begin there. It is destroyed them. A few of them live said by naval officials that Pearl Harin the pages of romancer or poet. The bor will be made one of the strongest genius of Bret Harte preserves the fortified places in the world, and the memory that on the bare brow of selection of Admiral Terry to take a city of 35,000 people, full of human charge of the work is indicative of hopes and fears, loves and hates. For- this intention on the part of the Navy

Amyclae finds a poet even to mention far outrank in importance that in Honolulu, and Admiral Terry if sent to aggrandizement. I have already allow-Pearl Harbor will outrank whatever ed my wish to be understood-that the -Chicago Inter-Ocean. officer is placed in charge in Honolulu. canal should be opened through our

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COLOMBIA'S PRESIDENT URGES CONGRESS TO ACT

WASHINGTON, June 27 .- The State Department has received from Minister Beaupre, at Bogota, a cablegrain conveying the information that the extra session of Congress convened for the consideration of the canal treaty on the Senate and Jose Medina Calderon president of the Chamber. The following appears in the message of the president respecting the canal convention:

ed this dilemma: Either it lets our case, to consent to the sacrifice of our canal were opened, but the government wards that it did not defend our sov- route." ereignty and that it did not defend the interests of the nation.

"In the second case, if the canal is not opened across Panama, the government will be accused of not having allowed Colombia that benefit which is regarded as the commencement of our

territory. I believe that even at such cost of sacrifices we ought not to put obstacles in the way of such a grand undertaking because it is an immensely beneficial enterprise for the country and also because, once the canal is opened by the United States, our rela-June 20. Joaquin Velez is president of tions will become more intimate and extensive, while our industry, commerce and wealth will gain incal-"I leave the full responsibility for the

decision of this matter for Congress. "To my government has been present. I do not intend to make my opinion weigh when I have given instructions to our representative at Washington. sovereignty suffer detriment or re- It has been coupled with the order that rounces certain pecuniary advantages the decision of this important matter to which, according to the opinion of must be left for Congress. After years, many, we have a right. In the first in which the question has been treated in a vague way, without precise conditions, it is now presented in a way to sovereignty and not aspiring to a great obtain practical and positive results. indemnification, the just wishes of the It has been our indisputable triumph inhabitants of Panama-a large portion that the senate and the government of of Colombia-would be satisfied if the United States should declare, notwithstanding every effort to the conwould be exposed to the charge after- trary, the superiority of the Panama

